The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 45, 48, and 51 and add new Claims 54-65 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

45. (Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a determiner adapted for determining a presence or an absence of a printer connected to a network by inquiring information of the network;

an inquirer adapted for making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer connected to the network if said determiner determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

a receiver adapted for receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry.

48. (Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

determining a presence or an absence of a printer connected to a network by inquiring information of the network;

making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to the

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printer connected to the network if said determining step determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry.

51. (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program for implementing an information processing method, the program comprising:

code for determining a presence or an absence of a printer connected to a network by inquiring information of the network;

code for making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to the printer connected to the network if said code for determining determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

code for receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry.

54. (New) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determiner determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network periodically.

55. (New) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determiner determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network in response to a user's instruction.

56. (New) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the printer language is used to represent a print job.

57. (New) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein print data is converted according to the printer language supported by the printer, so that the printer can interpret the print data.

58. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein said determining step determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network periodically.

59. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein said determining step determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network in response to a user's instruction.

60. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein the printer language is used to represent a print job.

61. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein print data is converted according to the printer language supported by the printer, so that the printer can interpret the print data.

62. (New) The medium according to claim 51, wherein said code for

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determining-determines-the-presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network periodically.

63. (New) The medium according to claim 51, wherein code for determining determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network in response to a user's instruction.

64. (New) The medium according to claim 51, wherein the printer language is used to represent a print job.

65. (New) The medium according to claim 51, wherein print data is converted according to the printer language supported by the printer, so that the printer can interpret the print data.

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 24, 2001. Claims 45-65 are pending in this application. Claims 45, 48, and 51, the only independent claims in the application, have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, and not to overcome any rejections based on prior art. New Claims 54-65 have been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

A claim for foreign priority and a certified copy of the priority document for